Allocations for Western-Central Railway Zone

†4679. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) on what basis Government have allocated mere Rs. 50 lakhs to the Western Central Railway, Jabalpur in the budget of year 2000-2001;

(b) whether this amount is sufficient for the Jabalpur Railway Zone;

(c) if not, whether Government propose to wind-up the said Railway Zone;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) if not, whether Government would reconsider to allocate adequate amount to the said Railway Zone?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) An outlay of Rs. 35 lakhs during 2000-2001 and Rs. 50 lakhs during 2001-2002 has been provided for in the Budget.

(b) to (e) The Railways are presently facing acute resource constraints necessitating a review of the investment planning. The proposed new Zones/Divisions including one at Jabalpur new zone will gradually become operational, depending upon the result of the review and the availability of investible resources for this purpose by the Railways. No time limit for this can be indicated in view of the complexities involved.

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